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SUBJECT: HEPATITIS AND CANCER RESEARCH PROJECT IN WEST
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1. DR. BARUCH BLUMBERG, DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE FOR
CANCER RESEARCH OF THE UNIV. OF PENNSYLVANIA HAS INFORMED
THE DEPARTMENT OF CONTINUATION OF RESEARCH PROJECT IN WEST
AFRICA ON THE RELATION OF HEPATITIS TO CANCER. THIS PROJECT
IS A JOINT UNDERTAKING OF THE INSTITUTE IN PHILADELPHIA,
THE INSTITUT LEON M'BA, CLAUDE BERNARD HOSPITAL, PARIS, AND
MEDICAL COLLEAGUES IN SENEGAL. US PORTION OF PROJECT IS
FUNDED BY NIH. PURPOSE OF PROJECT IS TO WORK FOR REDUCTION
OF CHRONIC LIVER DISEASE AND PRIMARY CANCER OF THE LIVER IN
WEST AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE.

2.DR. BLUMBERG'S COLLEAGUE, DR. BERNARD LAROUZE (A FRENCH
NATIONAL) RECENTLY ARRIVED IN DAKAR FOR THIS PROJECT AND
PLANS TO REMAIN UNTIL JULY. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE RESEARCH
GROUP ALSO WILL BE COMING TO WEST AFRICA FOR THIS PROJECT
DURING THE COURSE OF THE YEAR.

3. DR. BLUMBERG IS PERSONAL FRIEND OF DEPTOFF FRANK SIEVERTS
(D/HA). WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER ASSISTANCE EMBASSY COULD
GIVE TO DR. LAROUZE AND OTHER PROJECT MEMBERS. INGERSOLL
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